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(54) **RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM HAVING INTEGRATED NON-RELATIONAL MULTI-DIMENSIONAL DATA STORE OF AGGREGATED DATA ELEMENTS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Improved method of and apparatus for joining and aggregating data elements integrated within a relational database management system (RDBMS) using a non-relational multi-dimensional data structure (MDD). The improved RDBMS system of the present invention can be used to realize achieving a significant increase in system performance (e.g. [deceased] decreased access/search time), user flexibility and ease of use. The improved RDBMS system of the present invention can be used to realize an improved Data Warehouse for supporting on-line analytical processing (OLAP) operations or to realize an improved informational database system or the like.

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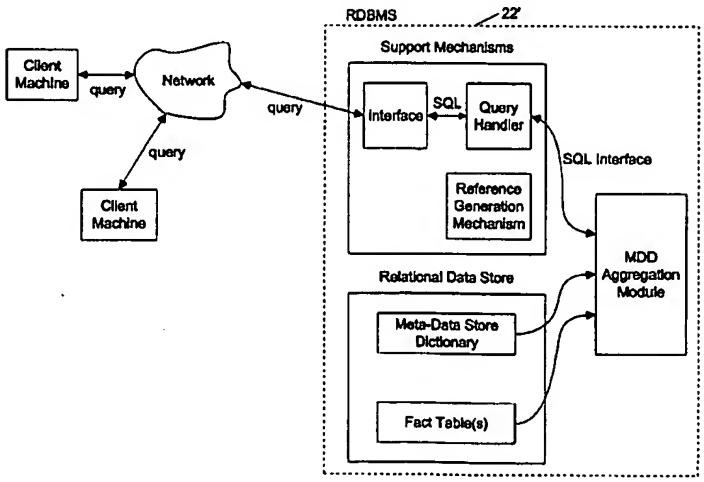

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